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SUBJECT: MIRABILE DICTU--NE WIN RE-ELECTED; NEW CABINET
ANNOUNCED

1. THE SECOND PYITHU HLUTTAW (PEOPLE'S CONGRESS) HAD ITS FIRST MEETING ON MARCH 2, FOLLOWING ITS ELECTION LAST JANUARY. AS EXPECTED, PRESIDENT NE WIN WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, THUS GIVING HIM ANOTHER TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA. (UNDER ARTIEL 66 OF THE CONSTITUTION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE ALSO BECOMES THE PRESIDENT.) GENERAL SAN YU WAS RE-ELECTED AS SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

2. THE 17 MEMBERS OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CABINET) WERE ALSO ELECTED AT THE SAME SESSION, BUT THE PORTFOLIOS THEY ARE TO HOLD WERE NOT REVEALED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MARCH 3. THE NEW CABINET DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY MAJOR SURPRISES. FOREIGN MINISTER U HLA PONE HAS BEEN DROPPED ALONG WITH FOUR OTHERS. THERE IS ONLY ONE CIVILIAN ON THE NEW CABINET--THE REST ARE EITHER ACTIVE OR RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE PORTFOLIOS ARE ANNOUNCED.

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3. IN VIEW OF NE WIN'S RE-ELECTION AS HEAD OF STATE, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE BRITISH, JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES HERE HAVE REQUESTED SUCH MESSAGES FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND ASSUME MOST OTHERS WILL DO LIKEWISE. PLEASE EXPEDITE A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE.
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